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## **Drinking water safety still a concern in Hoosick Falls**

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Ongoing problems with the safety of drinking water raise concerns for business and homeowners in Hoosick Falls.

### **HOOSICK FALLS**

Additional problems are trickling into the village of Hoosick Falls more than a month after the Environmental Protection Agency urged people not to drink or cook with the water there.

The warning came after dangerous levels of perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA, were discovered in the municipal water supply. PFOA has been linked to cancer and other diseases.

The exact source and the extent of the contamination are still not clear but what has become very apparent is that the water situation is a nuisance for people who live and are trying to make a living in Hoosick Falls.

If you drive into Hoosick Falls you will probably pass by Bianca's Pizza, where owner John Baccaro is still making dough. His pizza joint uses well water purified through a UV filtration system not water from the municipal water supply.

"Thank God," Baccaro said. "We had it tested, you know. The guy came in and tested it for me. Everything's okay with that. But I just feel bad for the people in town."

About five thousand people in the village get their water from the municipal water supply. The village is in process of getting a temporary water filtration system in place for all the residents, courtesy of Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, but that will not be finished until next month. Saint-Gobain is also paying for a permanent water filtration system for the village but that will not be completed until the end of October.

Saint-Gobain is also helping some businesses, including The Sand Bar, get an individual water filtration system to stay up and running. Meanwhile, everyone else has had to rely on jugs of water they can pick up from Tops market since they cannot drink or cook with what is coming out of the tap.

"Who knows what the water did to people living here prior to finding out," former Hoosick Falls resident Kathleen King said.

King says she is happy she moved to Massachusetts in October but she still has to put her Hoosick Falls house onto the market, adding it to a village already seemingly saturated with "For Sale" signs.

"Hopefully within the next two months," King said. "Our home is not worth nearly what we even paid for it. So it's going to take a loss. As long as it's, you know, as long as we can get what we owe on the house I don't really care."

As the investigation continues into the cause of the contamination the New York State Department of Health is urging people in the area to have their private wells tested. You can set up a time for the department to come out by calling (518)402-7860.

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